

Letters About Literature 2012

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Book: The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook
Author: Eleanor Davis

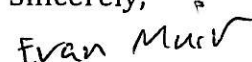
Dear Ms. Davis,

I would like to thank you for writing this book. It showed me even though I'm only 10 years old, I have the ability to do great things. I want to share with you how your book affected me.

The main character, Julian, has a lot in common with me. We both are computer nerds and have a strong interest in science. When I was 8 years old, I wanted to be an Air Force test pilot, and I read a lot about space and planets. I have visited the National Air and Space Museum many times. Just like Julian, I carry a special book in which I draw planes, trains, comic strips, action figures, and anything else I feel like drawing. I am also learning Polyalphabetic ciphering. Here is a substitution cipher, the kind of cipher Greta or Ben gave Julian: GUVF VF NA RKNZCYR. It means "This is an example". (I am using the ROT13 Caesar cipher.)

Like Julian, I was trying to find a place where I could fit in at school, when I moved to the 4th grade. I spent a lot of time at our school library. This year the librarian introduced me to your book and said that her son liked it and I might like it too. I read it in the library without noticing that time had passed and I should have been back in my classroom. Since then I have read many other comic novels, even Japanese manga books.

Right now I spend a lot of time learning computer programs and helping my mom and dad with class assignments and navigating the internet. They encourage me to read a lot and experiment with many things. I am happy that your character, Julian, is doing many of the things I like to do.

Sincerely,


Evan Muir